

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 27-30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Where the polysialic acid derivative was a N-maleimido group the moiety will include a N-succinimidyl group, with the ~~thioester~~-~~thioether~~ linked at the α -carbon atom. Preferably the moiety also comprises a secondary amine, a hydrazone or an amide bond.